

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1 and 3-5 as follows:

1                   1. (Currently Amended)       A method of manufacturing a head slider,  
2 comprising the steps of:  
3                   forming a magnetizable layer on a surface of a substrate wafer having a  
4 thickness greater than a length of the slider;  
5                   cutting said wafer into a plurality of raw bars after forming said layer while  
6 said thickness of said wafer is still greater than said length of the slider;  
7                   supporting said plurality of raw bars by a supporting jig;  
8                   arranging dummy sections of said plurality of raw bars in a single direction;  
9                   forming air bearing surface patterns on air bearing surface faces of said  
10 plurality of raw bars by photolithography; and  
11                   removing said dummy sections from [[the]] said plurality of raw bars after  
12 forming said air bearing surface patterns.

1                   2. (Previously Presented)       The method according to claim 1, wherein  
2 said plurality of raw bars have thicknesses greater than a length of said slider, and are  
3 supported by said supporting jig in a machining step.

1                   3. (Currently Amended)      The method according to claim 1, wherein  
2    said dummy sections of [[a]] said plurality of raw bars are arranged on one side in said  
3    supporting jig.

1                   4. (Currently Amended)      The method according to claim 1, further  
2    comprising the step of[[:]] cutting at least one of said plurality of raw [[bar]] bars so as to  
3    form the slider.

1                   5. (Currently Amended)      The method according to claim 1, further  
2    comprising the step of[[:]] removing the dummy section sections before cutting into at least  
3    one of said plurality of raw [[bar]] bars.

1                   6. (Withdrawn) A method of manufacturing a magnetic head, comprising  
2    the steps of:  
3                   forming a plurality of layers including a magnetizable layer on a surface of a  
4    substrate;  
5                   cutting said substrate so as to form a plurality of raw bars; and  
6                   removing a prescribed part of each raw bar, from one end face, in a direction of  
7    piling said layers.